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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the Second Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2012, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-seventh session the item entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly" and to allocate it to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 38th meeting, on 14 December 2012 (see A/C.2/67/SR.38).

II. Consideration of a draft decision contained in document A/C.2/67/L.65

3. At its 38th meeting, on 14 December, the Committee had before it the draft programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly (A/C.2/67/L.65), which had been submitted by the Chair on the basis of consultations held with the Bureau of the Committee.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted its draft programme of work for the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly, as contained in document A/C.2/67/L.65, and recommended its approval by the General Assembly (see para. 5).

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III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

5. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly approves the programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-eighth session of the Assembly as set out below:

1. Information and communications technologies for development.
2. Macroeconomic policy questions:
   (a) International trade and development;
   (b) International financial system and development;
   (c) External debt sustainability and development;
   (d) Commodities.
3. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Review Conference.
4. Sustainable development:
   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development;
   (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;
   (c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;
   (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind;
   (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;
   (f) Convention on Biological Diversity;
   (g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its first universal session;
   (h) Harmony with Nature;
   (i) Sustainable mountain development.
5. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).

6. Globalization and interdependence:

   (a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;

   (b) Science and technology for development;

   (c) Development cooperation with middle-income countries;

   (d) Culture and development;

   (e) International migration and development.[1]

7. Groups of countries in special situations:

   (a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

   (b) Comprehensive ten-year Review Conference on the Implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action.

8. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

   (a) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017);

   (b) Women in development;

   (c) Human resources development.

9. Operational activities for development:

   (a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

   (b) South-South cooperation.

10. Agriculture development, food security and nutrition.

11. Towards global partnerships.

12. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources.

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[1] This sub-item is included in the programme of work for the sole purpose of holding a two-day high-level dialogue on international migration and development on 3 and 4 October 2013, after the general debate of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly, at United Nations Headquarters.